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This Monday, 18 October 1993, attacks against Gorazde were dramatically intensified in blatant disregard of the town's designation as a "safe area" under Security Council resolution 836, and despite the presence of the United Nations observers stationed in the town. At least 16 people were killed in the first hours of the assault. As has been the case in past attacks, all of the victims were civilians. Heavy artillery of the Serb aggressor forces caused further destruction to homes and other buildings used as shelters by Gorazde's refugee population and increased the potential of a humanitarian catastrophe.

The people of Gorazde once again appeal to the international community to recall and uphold the decision taken by the World Conference of Human Rights, of 15 June 1993, which "calls upon the Security Council to take necessary measures to end the genocide taking place in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in particular at Gorazde."

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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